

FALCO FORMOSUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum, cera instructum.

Caput pennis arcte tectum.

Lingua bifida.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 124.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

FALCO cera orbitis pedibusque luteis, jugulo
purpureo, corpore supra cærulescente-rubro,
abdomine purpureo.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 38.

FALCO aquilinus.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 280.

Sive formæ sive colorum habeatur ratio, merito
numerari debet hæc avis in pulcherrimis sui generis.
Americam meridionalem incolit, magnitudine Fal-
coni cyaneo fere æqualis.



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THE
PURPLE-THROATED FALCON.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill hooked; with a cere or naked skin at the base.

Head thickly beset with feathers.

Tongue generally bifid.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Blue FALCON, with purple throat, and reddish abdomen.

Red-Throated FALCON.

Lath. syn. 1. p. 97.

Petit Aigle d'Amerique.

Buff. 1. p. 142.

Pl. Enl. 417.

This bird, whether we consider its shape or colors, must be numbered among the most beautiful of the genus. It is a native of South America, and is nearly equal in size to the *Falco cyaneus* or Hen-Harrier.